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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Following from the above-referenced continuing patent application filed on September 25, 1998, Applicants provide the following amendments.

AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 1 through 29.

Please insert new claims 30 through 83 as follows:

Sub D 2 30. (New) A composite masonry block comprising:

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- a) a block body, said block body comprising a front surface and a back surface, said front surface and said back surface being substantially parallel to each other and separated by a distance comprising the depth of the block, a generally planar upper surface and a generally planar lower surface, said upper surface and said lower surface being substantially parallel to each other and separated by a distance comprising the height of the block, said lower surface having a smaller area than said upper surface, and opposed first and second sidewall surfaces,

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